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Friday  
16 November 1945

Dearest Darling -

Well, Hon, finally I got the good news this morning. We are showing off from here this afternoon. Boy does that ever make me feel happy. We have laid over here on our "butts" since Tuesday. Gosh I've read every paper and magazine around here. Yesterday morning I got stuck with a working party and we had to lug 5 gallon cans of fuel oil and fill up all the stoves. This morning they had us out picking up papers and cigarette butts for about 10 minutes then we were through. I am all packed again and ready to go to Minneapolis. I hope we don't have to lay around there very long.

The weather is nice today. But the last two days have been cold and raining without a let up.



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in my opinion they don't compare with Navy chow or with my Sweet Homeys cooking. Boy Honey it will sure be swell to have my chow with you from now on.

Well, we arrived in Minneapolis about 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The Red Cross has a canteen in the depot and they served all ~~Servicemen~~ coffee and doughnuts, sandwiches or milk. The Bus driver from the Base came about 10:30 and took us out. When we arrived they took us to a big canteen. The Red Cross was there also serving the same. Then we went to dinner and came back to the canteen to wait for our call to check in. About 1 o'clock we were called to the Receiving office and assigned a barracks. They



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